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STAY DOWN!

SINCE DIANA TOOK OVER THE NEW INTEL TASK FORCE AT THE UN, SHE'S HEARD A LOT OF CHATTER ABOUT THESE TATSU CLOWNS MANEUVERING THEMSELVES TO BECOME A MAJOR PLAYER IN COUNTER INTELLIGENCE.

I WASN'T SURE THIS LEAD WOULD PAN OUT, BUT JUDGING FROM THE HARDWARE ON DISPLAY HERE, I THINK I'M AT THE RIGHT PLACE.

AWFULLY HOSTILE FOR WAREHOUSE WORKERS.

BRAP

RAP

BRAP

RAP

RAP

WHA-?

YII!

WHBABAM

HWUU-

WHUMP

CAREFUL WITH THAT, SOMEONE COULD GET HURT.

WHACK

YOU TALK TOO MUCH.

POINT TAKEN.

WHAT IN THE-?

THUNK

KSSSSSSSSSSS

WOORRRRLL

UHHNN-

DOSE HIM, *QUICKLY*.

THIS WILL KEEP HIM OUT FOR *DAYS*.

MAKE SURE HE WAS NOT FOLLOWED HERE. OUR INSIDE MEN HAVE ASSURED US HE IS NOT CIA, M.I.6 OR MOSSAD, BUT HIS ACCENT IS FLAVORED WITH AN AFRICAN TINGE.

WE SHALL CHECK WITH OUR OPERATIVES IN N.I.A. AND SASS.

HIS FILE PAINTS A PICTURE OF RONIN...

RONIN HE MAY BE, BUT HIS CONNECTION TO PALMER-WALKER CANNOT BE DENIED.

TAKE HIM TO THE CELL UNDER THE CLAW. NO ONE WILL FIND HIM THERE.

HAI!

AFTER READING MANY FILES DETAILING HOW THIS ONE SAVED PALMER-WALKER TIME AND AGAIN-

I FIND IT AMAZING THE GENERAL POPULATION HAS NOT MADE A CONNECTION BETWEEN THE TWO.

THE WORLD *IGNORES* AFRICA, AS THEY SHOULD.

SO, WHO AMONG THE MASSES CARES ENOUGH ABOUT PALMER-WALKER AND HER SAVIOR TO DRAW SUCH CONCLUSIONS?

THEY ARE TOO ARROGANT AND SELF CENTERED TO BE TROUBLED BY SUCH AS THESE...

TRUE. AND THAT SHALL BE THEIR UNDOING, AS WE CONTROL THEIR PARANOID INTELLIGENCE COMMUNITY WHILE KEEPING THE REAL POWER FAR FROM THEIR SIGHT.

PROJECT PUPPETMASTER WILL SEND A MESSAGE. THESE FOOLS WILL KNOW ***WE*** ARE IN CONTROL. THEY CAN HIDE NOTHING FROM US-

AND TRUST NOTHING THEIR OWN EYES AND EARS TELL THEM.

WE WILL MAKE AN EXAMPLE OF PALMER-WALKER AND THEY WILL KNOW THAT NONE OF THEM ARE UNTOUCHABLE.

AND WITH PHANTOM LOCKED AWAY, NO ONE CAN INTERFERE.

UN INTEL TASK FORCE
NEW YORK CITY

WHILE NONE OF YOU SEEM TO HAVE EMBRACED THE CONCEPT OF SHARING INTEL, AFTER THE INCIDENT WITH THE SHEIK, IT'S PAINFULLY OBVIOUS THE TATSU HAS RISEN TO A THREAT LEVEL WE CAN NO LONGER IGNORE.

MR. WHITAKER, THE INTEL YOU GATHERED PUT THOSE SEALS IN HARM'S WAY.

INTEL FED TO YOU BY THE TATSU.

THOSE SOLDIERS DIED AS A DIRECT RESULT OF THE TATSU'S ABILITY TO CONTROL WHAT INFORMATION REACHES YOU. HOW CAN YOU DENY THAT?

MS. PALMER-WALKER, OUR INVESTIGATIONS INTO THE MISSION FAILURE HAVE, SO FAR, BEEN INCONCLUSIVE.

HOW ABOUT THIS, CAN WE ALL AGREE THAT TATSU EXISTS?

WELL, I'LL TAKE THAT AS A YES.

HERE'S WHAT WE KNOW SO FAR: TATSU CONSISTS OF SEVERAL ROGUE INTELLIGENCE COMMUNITY OPERATIVES WHO HAVE DRAWN TOGETHER FOR THEIR MUTUAL BENEFIT AT THE EXPENSE OF THE REST OF THE WORLD.

WE'VE TRACED THE RECENT CYBER ATTACKS ON THE US PENTAGON TO TATSU AS WELL AS THE FALSIFIED INFORMATION PLANTED ON SCOTLAND YARD'S SERVERS.

WE HAVE LEADS INDICATING THEY'RE RESPONSIBLE FOR A LITANY OF OTHERS AS WELL.

WHILE THEY PULL THE STRINGS, ALL OF US END UP WITH BLOOD ON OUR HANDS.

A NEW REPORT CLAIMS THEY PLAN A SHOW OF FORCE HERE, TOMORROW.

HOW CAN WE BE SURE, BASED ON WHAT YOU JUST SAID, THAT THIS INFORMATION IS CREDIBLE?

YES. WHAT IF THEY ARE SIMPLY "PULLING OUR STRINGS" AS YOU SAY?

THAT'S A RISK WE'RE JUST GOING TO HAVE TO TAKE, GENTLEMAN.

DO YOU SEE NOW WHY THE NEW METHODS OF INTELLIGENCE SHARING I'M PROPOSING ARE SO CRUCIAL? THE OLD WAY HAS BEEN COMPROMISED.

WE DO, MRS. PALMER-WALKER. AND, I CAN SPEAK FOR M.I.6 WHEN I SAY WE MUST ALL EXPLORE THIS NEW WAY AT TOMORROW'S CONFERENCE.

THE COMPANY AGREES AS WELL.

DA.

AND YOU?

OF COURSE.

HAI.

GOOD. IF YOU'LL EXCUSE ME, I NEED TO MAKE SOME CALLS.

SEE YOU TOMORROW, GENTLEMAN.

COME ON, KIT, I KNOW CHANE TAUGHT YOU HOW TO ANSWER THE PHONE.

THAT CAN'T BE GOOD.

Unable to connect

TIME FOR PLAN B.

YES. THIS IS PALMER-WALKER. DELTA SEVEN PRIORITY. PATCH ME THROUGH TO DRAKE.

THE RED CRAWL. OUR GALAXY'S VERSION OF THE WORST INTERNET VIRUS YOU'VE EVER SEEN. THEY MANAGED TO TAKE OVER THE MINDS OF THE WORLD'S TOP OFFICIALS YEARS AGO. BUT THANKS TO GUYS LIKE MY DAD, MILES DRAKE, THE PREVIOUS CAPTAIN ACTION, THEY RAN AWAY WITH THEIR TAILS BETWEEN THEIR LITTLE VIRUS LEGS. AT LEAST THAT'S WHAT WE THOUGHT. IN REALITY, THEY JUST GOT SNEAKIER. NOW THEY'VE TAKEN A NEW COURSE OF ACTION, TAKEN OVER THE EARTH IN FAR LESS CONSPICUOUS WAYS. LIKE, FOR STARTERS, INFILTRATING THE BEST POLICE FORCE ON THE PLANET.

Bedford Avenue

Exit

THAT'S A NEW LOW, EVEN FOR YOU RED CRAWL GOONS, POSING AS NEW YORK'S FINEST.

IF I HAVE TO BAIL ON MY DATE WITH MISS JULY OVER THIS, I'M REALLY GONNA BE PISSED!

NYPD

POLICE

KRAK

NYPD

POLICE

POLICE

JOHN

WHACK

ARE YOU KIDDING ME? WHY DOES THIS THING ALWAYS RING WHEN I'M BUSY?

HELLO? MILES? THIS IS DIANA PALMER-WALKER, YOU KNOW, LILY'S DAUGHTER. YOU TWO DATED BRIEFLY YEARS AGO...

WHUMP

DIANA? DIANA *PALMER?*

CAPTAIN? ARE YOU-

NYPD

- THERE, CAP?

CAN THAT REALLY BE DIANA? AFTER ALL THESE YEARS?

SORRY, OFFICER, I NEVER MAKE A LADY WAIT.

KRAK

YOU'RE NOT STILL TRYING TO AVOID ME ARE YOU?

BAD ENOUGH YOU DOGGED ME WHEN I ASKED YOU OUT.

YOU NEVER WERE ONE FOR GOOD TIMING, WERE YOU, DIANA?

COLE? IS THAT YOU? I ASKED FOR YOUR FATHER.

WHAT ARE YOU DOING ANSWERING HIS LINE?

WE DON'T HAVE TIME FOR THAT NOW, COLE. I NEED CAPTAIN ACTIO-

-SIGH- I CANNOT BELIEVE I'M SAYING THIS.

I NEED YOUR HELP.

I KNEW IT!

UN INTEL COMMITTEE MEETING THE FOLLOWING DAY.

WHAT DO YOU THINK THIS PRESS CONFERENCE IS ABOUT?

I DON'T KNOW.

FELLOW COMMITTEE MEMBERS, IF YOU COULD ALL TAKE YOUR SEATS, PLEASE.

THANK YOU FOR COMING TODAY. AS MANY OF YOU KNOW-

THE ROOM

BRRIP
BRRIP
BLAM
BA DDA
BA DDA
BRRIP
BUDDA
BUDDA
IN HERE NOW! I REPEAT WE ARE UNDER-
ATT-ACK!
THWIP
TIME TO DIE!
PHANG

GOOD THING WE PLANNED FOR THIS-

YOU! PALMER-WALKER. YOU COME WITH ME!

IT'S MRS. PALMER-WALKER. GET IT RIGHT NEXT TIME.

KR PAHP

WHA KRAHK

THAT'S NOT GOOD...

THERE'S PLENTY MORE WHERE THAT CAME FROM, BOYS. WHO'S FIRST?

YOU ARE OUTNUMBERED FOUR TO ONE, PALMER-WALKER. GIVE UP NOW AND WE WON'T HURT YOU.

MAKE THAT FOUR TO *TWO*.

HWHAM

WHAP

A GUY COULD GROW TO LIKE THIS, YA KNOW THAT, RIGHT.

WHUH

I HAVEN'T HEARD HIM COMPLAIN YET.

KUDO

WELL, HE'S CERTAINLY MORE AGILE THAN ME. I FEEL LIKE A GYMNAST.

POW

GAH!

KRAK

UGH!

OOF!

SO THIS IS WHAT IT'S LIKE TO BE A LIVING LEGEND.

DON'T GET TOO CAUGHT UP IN IT, AT LEAST ONE OF THEM GOT AWAY.

ONE HOUR LATER

ARE YOU SURE IT WAS HIM?

WITHOUT QUESTION!

HOW CAN THIS BE? IF HE WAS HERE, AND AT THE COMMITTEE MEETING TO OPPOSE YOU, THERE MUST BE TWO-

OR HE REALLY IS A GHOST.

IMPOSSIBLE.

PERHAPS NOT. PERHAPS...

THE LEGENDS *ARE* TRUE...

I HAVE TO ADMIT, I NEVER GOT WHY YOU CHOSE HIM OVER ME.

COLE, I WAS TOO OLD FOR YOU. WE BOTH KNEW THAT.

I KNOW... BUT, I GOTTA ASK...

DIANA, DO-

COLE. ***DON'T.*** I LOVE MY HUSBAND, MY CHILDREN, MY LIFE. I WOULDN'T DREAM OF TRADING ANY OF IT, FOR ANYTHING.

SORRY IF THAT'S NOT WHAT YOU WANTED TO HEAR.

BUT, I CAN'T SAY I ENJOY THIS. THIS WONDERING IF HE'S OKAY. KNOWING HE LIVES ***EVERY MOMENT*** IN HARM'S WAY.

ALWAYS WONDERING IF TODAY COULD BE THE DAY MY SON MIGHT HAVE TO TAKE THE ***OATH***.

COLE. JUST SO YOU KNOW, I APPRECIATE EVERYTHING YOU'VE DONE. I WOULDN'T HAVE BLAMED YOU FOR SAYING NO.

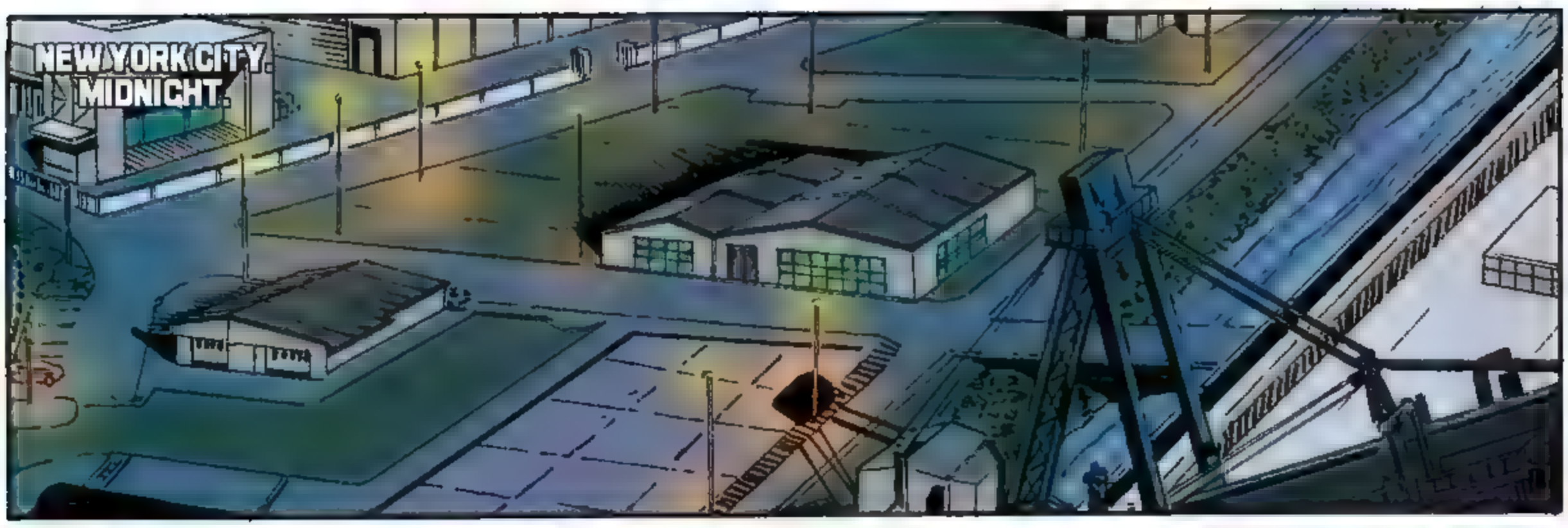
DON'T WORRY, DIANA. I'M ON IT. I HAVE AN IDEA. JUST NEED TO CALL IN A FAVOR.

NEVER HAPPEN. NOW, YOU GET YOURSELF OUT OF SIGHT UNTIL I CONTACT YOU.

I HAVE SOME URGENT BUSINESS TO ATTEND TO FIRST, THEN I'LL HEAD BACK TO BANGALLA.

THE TATSU COULDN'T GET PAST THE BANDAR WITH THE US ARMY LEADING THE WAY.

GOOD. I'LL BE IN TOUCH.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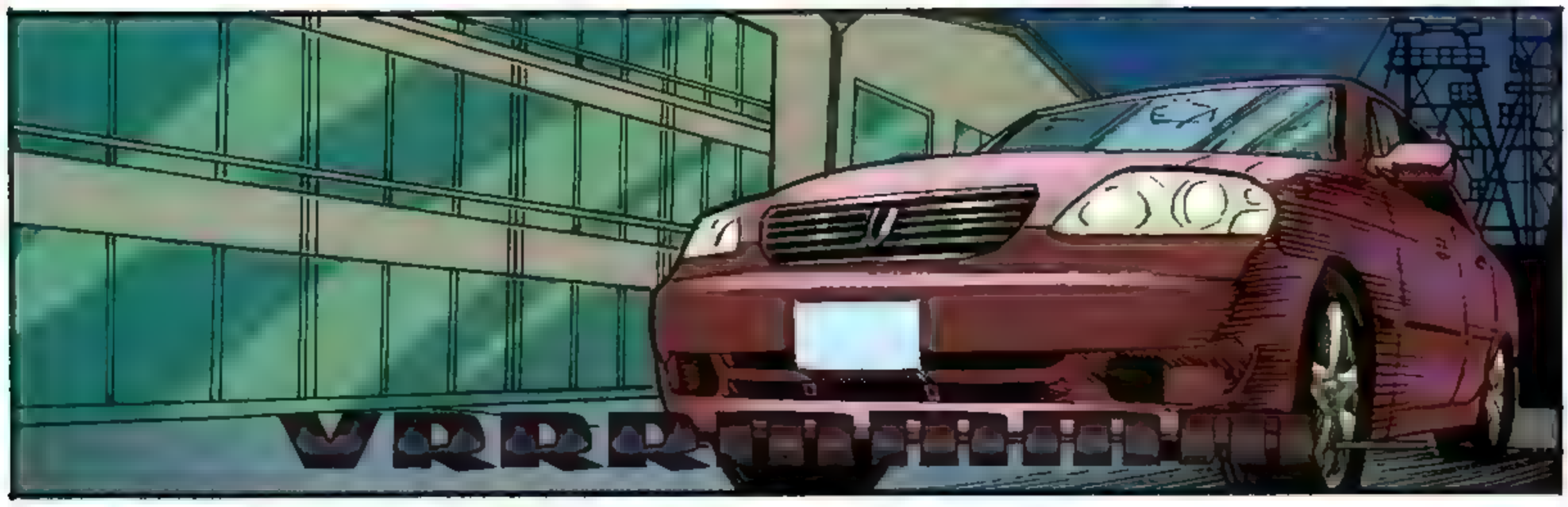
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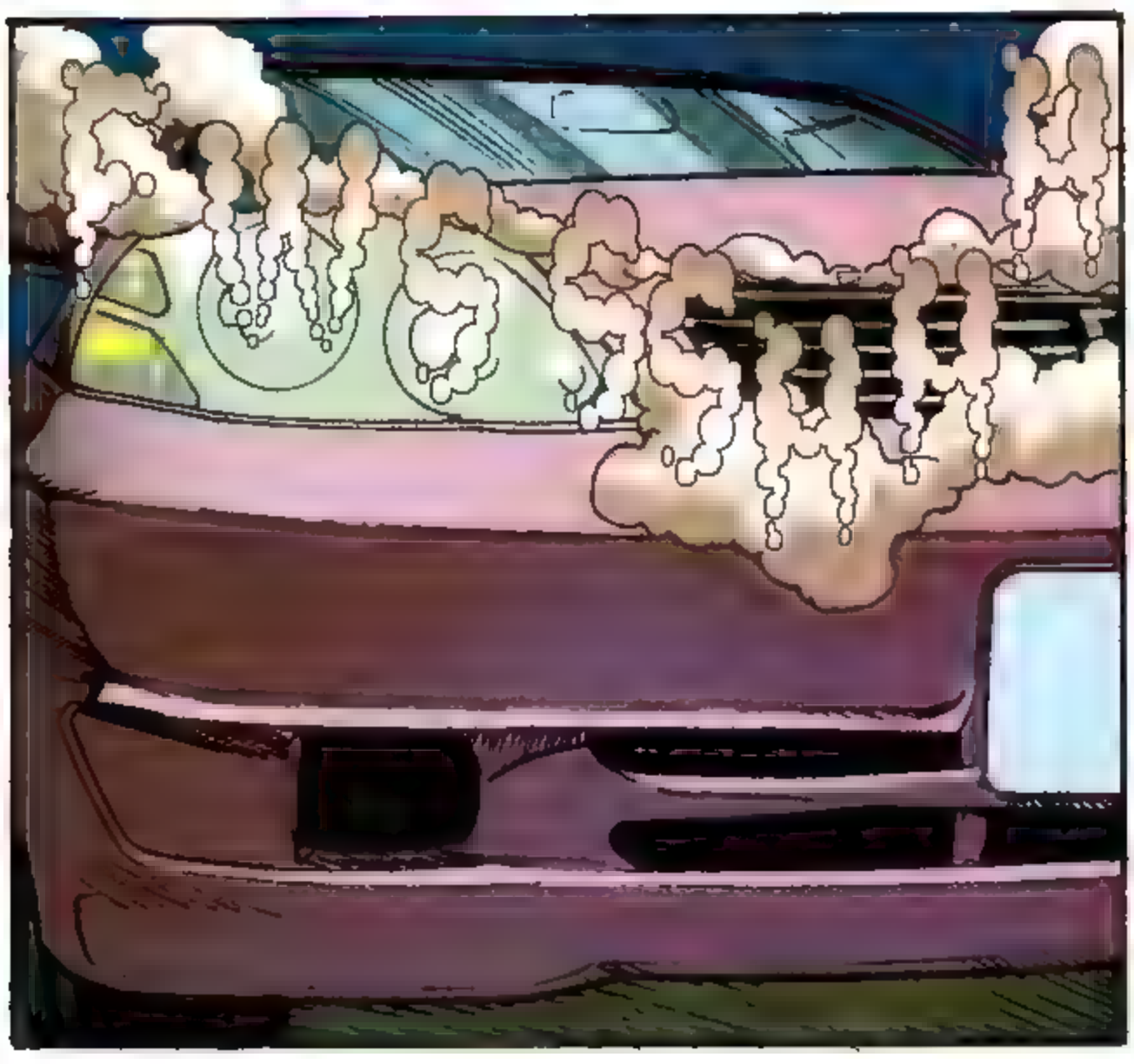

YOU PIECE OF JUNK! NOT NOW! NOT NOW!

IT'S PALMER-WALKER!

AND THE *FLY* COMES TO THE SPIDER...

HAI!

YOU, GO STALL HER. WE WILL JOIN YOU AS SOON AS I REPORT THIS.

OH, THANK GOD! I THOUGHT I WAS STRANDED! CAN YOU TAKE A LOOK AND SEE IF YOU COULD FIX IT?

OH THANK YOU SO MUCH! I'M LATE FOR AN IMPORTANT MEETING. I *REALLY* CAN'T AFFORD TO MISS IT.

CAN YOU SEE WHERE IT'S COMING FROM?

WHA-?

DON'T MAKE-

A-AUGH!

KRAAKK

RIGHT!

TRY NOT TO OUTLIVE YOUR USEFULNESS, MS. PALMER-WALKER.

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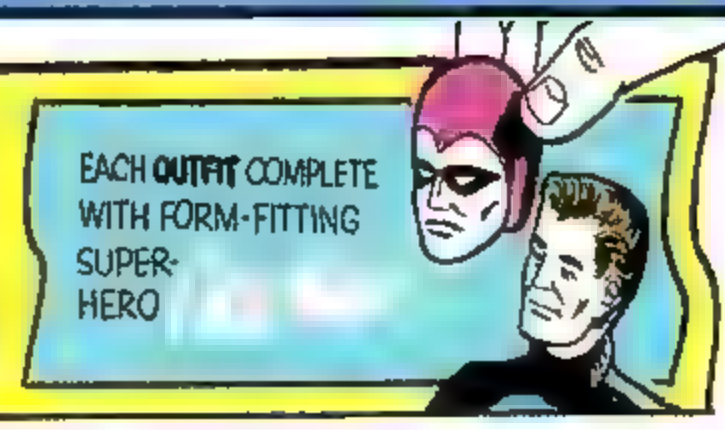

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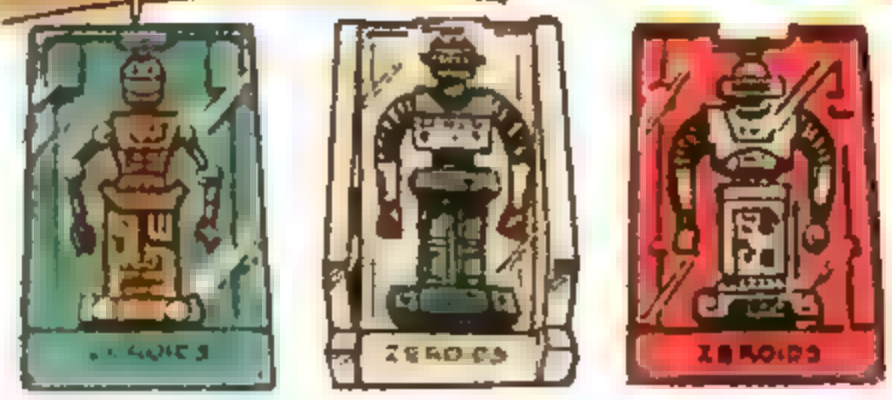

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